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SUBJ: APPLICATION FOR POLITICAL ASYLUM BY WINSTON CHAMP MESO

REF: (A) STATE 11802, (B) PRETORIA 301

1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED NEGATIVE SECURITY REPORT ON WINSTON CHAMP MESO FROM SOUTH AFRICAN POLICE. LATTER ALSO NOTED "CRIMINAL RECORD IN REGARD OF BLACKS CAN ONLY BE ESTABLISHED BY MEANS OF FINGER PRINTS." SA POLICE LT. COL. DE DEER, HOWEVER, ADVISED US INFORMALLY THAT NEOL MESO BORN IN CAPE TOWN ON SAME DATE AS WINSTON CHAMP MESO IS "A BIG TRAINED TERRORIST." IF WINSTON CHAMP MESO AND NOEL MESO ARE ONE AND SAME PERSON, APPLICANT WOULD HAVE REASONABLE BASIS TO FEAR PERSECUTION SHOULD HE RETURN TO SOUTH AFRICA.

2. SUGGESTED POINTS TO BE CONSIDERED IN THIS CASE:

A. APPLICANT POSSESSES A TRAVEL DOCUMENT WHICH REMAINS VALID UNTIL OCTOBER 1977 WHICH WOULD PRESUMABLY ENABLE HIM TO RE-ENTER KENYA WITHOUT DIFFICULTY UNLESS HE IS SOUGHT THERE FOR HAVING VIOLATED KENYAN LAWS PRIOR TO ENTERING US AS A "STUDENT" IN MARCH 1975.

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B. APPLICANT DEPARTED COUNTRY (SOUTH AFRICA) FROM WHICH HE OSTENSIBLY SEEKS (PROTECTION) ASYLUM FOUR YEARS AGO, WELL PRIOR TO BEGINNING OF CURRENT UNREST IN SOUTH AFRICA IN JUNE 1976.

C. APPLICANT HAS ENJOYED EXTENDED RESIDENCE IN KENYA AND/OR OTHER COUNTRIES SINCE HIS DEPARTURE FROM SOUTH

AFRICA, FROM NONE OF WHICH HE HAS PRESUMABLY RECEIVED
PERSONAL THREATS ON POLITICAL OR OTHER GROUNDS.

D. APPLICANT DOES NOT APPEAR PROPERLY CLASSIFIABLE AS A
BONA FIDE REFUGEE OR AUTHENTIC CANDIDATE FOR POLITICAL
ASYLUM. ACCORDING TO DEFINITIONS OR PRACTICES CURRENTLY
USED BY THE UNHCR OR BY COUNTRIES PROCESSING REFUGEE
APPLICATIONS FOR LOCAL OR THIRD COUNTRY PLACEMENT.

3. BEFORE EMBASSY CAN MAKE FURTHER COMMENTS OR RECOM-
MENDATIONS IN CASE IT WILL BE NECESSAR TO CONFIRM
APPLICANT'S IDENTITY. PROPOSE THAT INS OBTAIN AND DEPART-
MENT AIR POUCH CLEAR SET OF PRINTS TO EMBASSY PRETORIA
TO ENABLE POLICE TO MAKE DEFINITE IDENTIFICATIONS.
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